

Please amend Claim 1 as follows:

Claim 1 (amended): A device for washing or rinsing foodstuffs or nonfood items powered by the filling of said device with water or any other liquid in the process of such washing or rinsing, comprising: a vessel in which said washing or rinsing takes place, a means for emptying said vessel of liquid after it has washed or rinsed said foodstuffs or other nonfood items and allowing refilling of said vessel, such means operating periodically and cyclically without attention from any person during said washing or rinsing operation; and a means for keeping the foodstuffs or nonfood items washed or rinsed inside said vessel during said washing or rinsing operation; and a stand upon which said vessel is placed during said washing or rinsing operation, said stand cooperating with said vessel during said washing or rinsing operation.

REMARKS:

Claim 1 is amended to add the stand upon which the vessel sits during operation of the invention. The stand contributes certain features that are necessary for the operation of the invention. There is no similar stand required for the practice of the inventions cited as prior art.

It should be noted that, in the present invention, the shape of the vessel is a vital feature. The two species originally claimed both contain this feature. One is a vessel with two chambers; a large chamber where washing or rinsing takes place, and a smaller chamber at the front where water (or any other liquid used in the practice of the invention) is expelled from the vessel. The other is a vessel that is tapered, so that it is longer at the top than at the bottom.

The original election of species, selecting the former embodiment, was actually made with traverse in the response filed on February 5, 2005, and on the further expectation that the application would be examined on the nonelected species (the latter species) after examination on